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SUBJECT: ITU: REGIONAL LF/MF CONFERENCE - POSSIBLE US

-- PARTICIPATION

1. AS MISSION AWARE, SECOND SESSION OF REGION I AND III LF/MF CONFERENCE WILL TAKE PLACE IN GENEVA OCT.-NOV. 1975 FOLLOWING INITIAL SESSION OCT. 1974. US, AS MEMBER OF REGION II, WAS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN BOTH SESSIONS AS OBSERVER. US DECLINED PARTICIPATION AT 1974 CONFERENCE AND HAS BEEN INVITED TO INDICATE ATTENDANCE AS OBSERVER AT 1975 CONFERENCE.

2. TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, REGION I AND III LF/MF CONFERENCES ARE ONLY SUCH REGIONAL ITU CONFERENCES TO BE HELD IN RECENT YEARS; THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A REGION II CONFERENCE AS SUCH. WHILE IT OBVIOUS THAT US IS MEMBER OF REGION II, QUESTION ARISES WITH REGARD TO POSSIBLE US MEMBERSHIP IN REGION III BECAUSE OF LOCATION OF US

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TERRITORIES (I.E. GUAM AND AMERICAN SAMOA) WITHIN THAT

REGION. WITH DELETION OF SEPARATE MEMBERSHIP OF US TERRITORIES IN MALAGA TORREMOLINOS CONVENTION, WE ASSUME THAT US WOULD IN ITS OWN NAME REPRESENT ITS TERRITORIES OUTSIDE OF REGION II.

3. DEPT.'S LEGAL ADVISER'S OFFICE HAS ADVISED THAT US SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT ATTEND OCT. 75 LF/MF CONFERENCE AS OBSERVER, SINCE ACTION COULD BE INTERPRETTED AS RENUNCIATION, AS A RESULT OF MALAGA-TORREMOLINOS DECISION NOTED ABOVE, OF CAPACITY OF USG TO REPRESENT INTERESTS OF US TERRITORIES LOCATED THERE. SUCH US TERRITORIES, WHICH DO NOT REPEAT NOT INCLUDE TRUST TERRITORY OF PACIFIC ISLANDS, ARE INTEGRAL PART OF USA, EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE NOT US STATES.

4. ACCORDINGLY MISSION REQUESTED TO BROACH SUBJECT WITH SYG MILI, AND POSSIBLY WITH DSYG BUTLER, ADVISE THEM OF US THINKING ON THIS SUBJECT AND SOLICIT THEIR VIEWS. IN PARTICULAR WE ARE INTERESTED IN THEIR THOUGHTS ON REPRESENTATION OF US TERRITORIES LOCATED IN REGION III AT ITU REGIONAL MEETINGS. ADVISE THEM THAT ALTHOUGH US DOES NOT AT THIS TIME INTEND TO REQUEST MEMBERSHIP IN REGION III AND ATTEND OCT. 1975 CONVERENCE AS FULL MEMBER BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS, WE NONETHELESS DO NOT WISH FORECLOSE OPTION OF REQUESTING SUCH REPRESENTATION AT FUTURE TIME WHEN INTERESTS OF US TERRITORIES IN REGION III MORE DIRECTLY AFFECTED. WE ALSO DO NOT, AS OF THISTIME, INTEND TO PARTICIPATE AS OFFICIAL OBSERVER BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE PREJUDICE TO ANY FUTURE US CLAIM TO MEMBERSHIP IN REGION III.

5. NONETHELESS, MILI AND BUTLER WILL RECOGNIZE THAT USG DOES IN FACT HAVE SUBSTANTIAL FREQUENCY INTERESTS IN REGIONS I AND III. OUR CURRENT VIEW IS THAT THESE INTERESTS WOULD BE BEST SERVED BY THE COUNTRIES DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITHOUT AN OFFICIAL US PRESENCE. HOWEVER, AT REQUEST OF SEVERAL COUNTRIES CONCERNED, US DESIRES SEND SMALL (ABOUT FIVE-MAN) UNOFFICIAL TEAM WHICH COULD PROVIDE ON THE SPOT TECHNICAL AND OTHER EXPERTISE CONCERNING US FREQUENCIES TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THOSE MEMBERS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AS REQUESTED. IN OUR CURRENT THINKING ON THIS SUBJECT, WE ARE ASSUMING THAT PROCEDURES WHICH WERE IN FORCE FOR FIRSTPORTION OF CONFERENCE WILL REMAIN THE SAME FOR SECOND--I.E. THAT VISITORS WILL HAVE FREE ACCESS TO CONFERENCE HALL AND VISITORS GALLERY. PLEASE CONFIRM THIS UNDERSTANDING.

6. MISSION REQUESTED CONVEY FOREGOING IN LOW-KEY MANNER

AND REPORT REACTIONS SOONEST. INGERSOLL

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